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1. A series of conferences of the Ministers of the DDR took place in Berlin around 8 June 1950. These conferences were called to discuss a plan whereby unemployed workmen in the Western Zones would be brought over to the Eastern Zone and settled in order to increase the labor force of the DDR. The operation was to be carried out using the KPD in the Western Zones as intermediaries to recruit suitable persons. The reactions of the DDR Ministers were very varied and consequently no decision has yet been taken.
2. The reason for this plan [redacted] is that the Eastern Zone is short of trained workmen in several fields, notably in the iron industry where welders and mechanics are badly needed.

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